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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER

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1. DURING A MEETING WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI JULY 19, WHICH I REQUESTED TO PRESENT THE US POSITION ON REACTIVIZATION OF THE CAMBODIAN ICC (SEPTEL), SPASOWSKI RAISED THE PLANNED VISIT OT POLAND JULY 26-30 OF HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER, OF WHICH WE HAD INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY JULY 18. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT SECRETARY WEINBERGER WAS RESPONDING TO THE INVITATION EXTENDED BY POLISH HEALTH MINISTER SLIWINSKI, HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELT THAT A "CLARAFICATION" WAS DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF THE POSTPONEMENTS OF POLISH MINISTERIAL VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PROSPECT OF SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S VISIT RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE USG FELT THE PRACTICE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON MINISTERIAL VISITS SHOULD NOW BE. THIS CLARIFICATION WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL SINCE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY WEINBERGER OVERLAPPED, IN PART, WITH THOSE OF MINISTER FOR SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TECHNOLOGY KACZMAREK, WHOSE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN POSTPONED.

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3. SPASOWSKI EMPHASIZED THAT HIS INTENTION WAS NOT TO DISCOURAGE THE WEINBERGER VISIT IN ANY WAY. NEVER- THELESS, THE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WELL TO HAVE CLARIFICA-

TION OF THE STATUS OF SUCH VISITS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. COULD POLAND ASSUME THAT MINISTERIAL VISITS WERE ACCEPTABLE? CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT WOULD ALLOW THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FROM OTHER POLISH MINISTRIES WHICH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VISIT BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER WOULD CERTAINLY EVOKE.

4. FINALLY, PENDING SOME CLARIFICATION OF THE SORT HE HAD DESCRIBED, SPASOWSKI ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY REFRAIN FROM CONTACTING THE HEALTH MINISTRY DIRECTLY ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY WEINBERGER. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, HE SAID, IF THE SITUATION WERE "FIRST CLARIFIED BETWEEN OURSELVES."

5. I RESPONDED THAT I WOULD SEEK SUCH CLARIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. I ADDED THAT I FELT OBLIGED AT THIS STAGE OF THE DISCUSSION TO NOT LET THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION WAS NOT FULFILLING WHAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE ITS OBLIGATIONS.

6. COMMENT: SPASOWSKI'S REMARKS WERE 3)8?34-53)6)92 (36, RELECTING THE REASONABLE TONE WHICH THE POLISH HAVE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT DISCUSSION OF THEIR ICCS PARTICIPATION. THE IMPLICATION WAS NONETHELESS UNMISTAKABLE THAT POLISH WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE SECRETARY WEINBERGER WILL DEPEND ON THE CONTENT OF OUR "CLARIFICATION" ON THE STATUS OF MINISTERIAL VISITS. THEY PRESUMABLY DO NOT EXPECT RENEWED INVITATIONS FOR VICE PREMIER MITREGA AND MINISTER KACZMAREK AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR THE WEINBERGER VISIT, BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT FUTURE POLISH MINISTERIAL VISITS TO THE US WOULD BE WELCOME. END SUMMARY. DAVIES

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